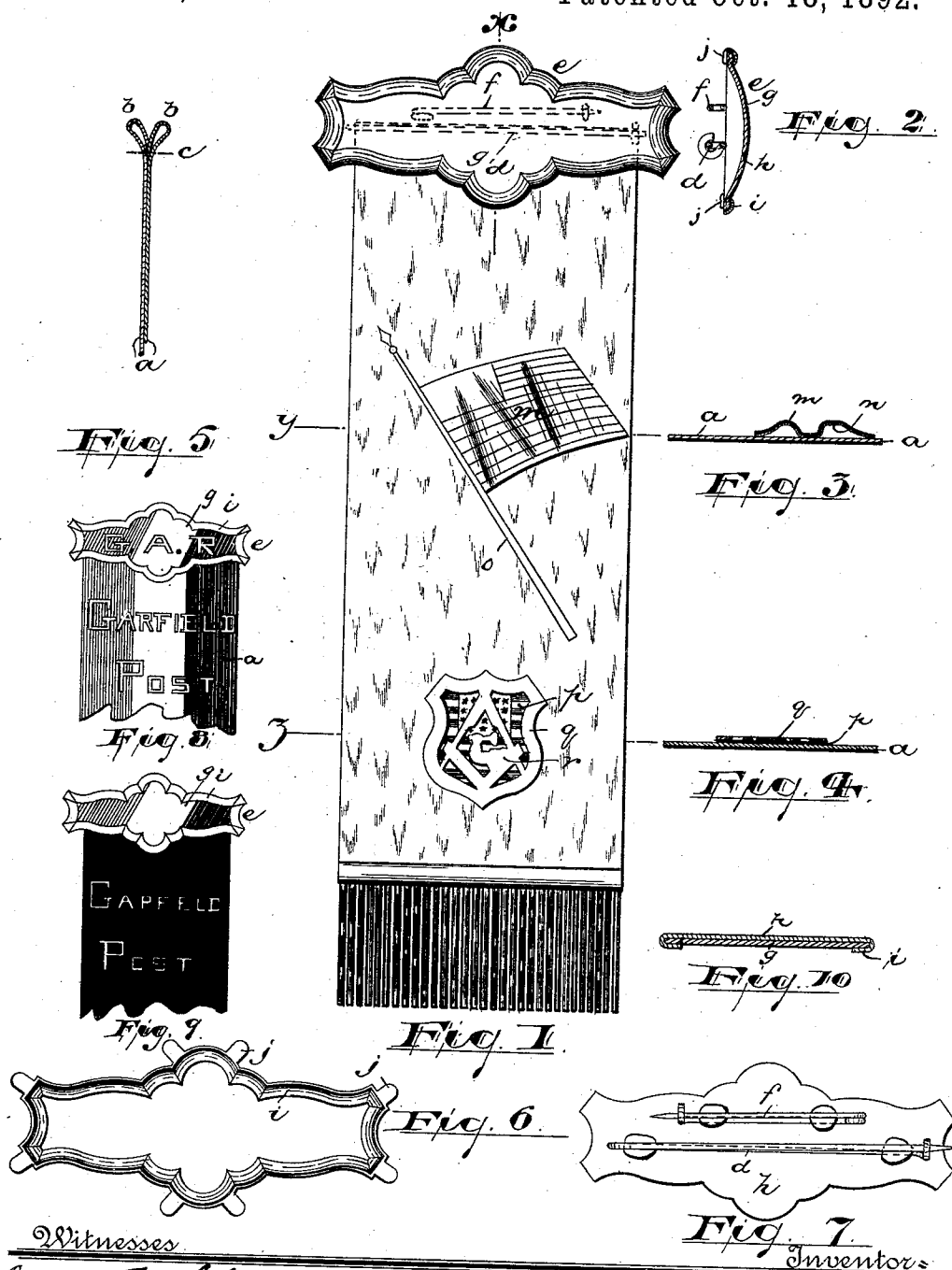


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN S. WHITEHEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Badges; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a more effective, ornamental, and durable society-badge, to render the parts thereof interchangeable, and to secure other advantages and results, some of which will be referred to in connection with the description of the working parts.

The invention consists in the improved badge and in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be herein-after set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 is a front view of the badge. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line *a* of the head-piece or support for the ribbon. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line *y*. Fig. 4 is a section on line *z*. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the ribbon, also on line *z*; and Fig. 6 is a detail plan of a frame-blank of the head-piece before referred to. Fig. 7 is a rear detail of the backing for the head-piece, and Figs. 8 and 9 illustrate a reversible ribbon and its head-piece. Fig. 10 illustrates a modified construction of the head-piece.

In said drawings, *aa* are two ribbons, preferably of silk and placed longitudinally face to face, one of said ribbons being of any suitable color—such as red or blue—or combination of colors—such as red, white, and blue—and the other of said ribbons being of black silk and suitable for funerals or mourning purposes. The upper ends of these ribbons (shown in Fig. 5) are turned or looped, as at *b b*, and are sewed together at the line of stitching, (indicated by *c*), uniting said ribbons

and forming what may be termed two "leaves" or four "pages," on which the name of the manufacturer, his address, and other advertising-matter may be imprinted, the said line of stitching lying back from the extremities of the loop, as will be understood. By this construction increased space may be devoted to the advertisement or card of the manufacturer without detracting from the beauty of the badge or apparently consuming an undue amount of space for that purpose. The loops provide means by which the ribbons may be reversibly supported upon the pin or bar *d* of the head-piece and be readily arranged to present to view either the bright-colored or the mourning face of the badge. The head-piece *e* provides means—such as the bar *d*—for supporting the ribbon, a pin *f*, by means of which the badge may be secured to the clothing of the wearer, and an outer facing of silk or textile fabric, preferably agreeing in color with that of the ribbon, although it may contrast in color from that of said ribbon and be of other material than textile fabric.

I prefer to make the facing *g* interchangeable in its relation to its frame, so that it can be made to accord with either the highly-colored or the black ribbon; and to this end and with other advantages and results in view I construct the head-piece as shown in Figs. 2, 6, and 7, where *h* is a backing of sheet metal, which is oblong in shape and of a length equal to or greater than the width of the ribbon. It is preferably of a concavous form in cross-section, as indicated in Fig. 2, to take up any fullness in the ribbon or facing fabric and give to the latter a smooth stretched appearance. *i* indicates an open marginal clamping-frame, which incloses the edges of the facing and holds the same firmly and securely against the backing. The said frame is provided with lips *j j*, which are adapted to be turned or bent backward and around the edge of the backing-piece, as will be understood. To the backing the support for the ribbon and the fastening-pin are secured. Upon the facing may be printed or attached the name or insignia of the society, the location or domicile of the same, or other matter desired in connection with the matter imprinted on the ribbon. This matter is imprinted on the facing prior to the insertion of said facing in its

frame, and the same frames may be employed in connection with a large variety of facings, and this conduces to economy in manufacture. The opening in the frame through which the facing and its imprints and colors are exposed may be single, as shown, or the said opening may be separated or divided by transverse partitions integral with the marginal portions.

When I employ a ribbon in red, white, and blue or other national or society colors, I preferably employ a facing of the same colors, and thus secure an effect of great beauty. In the event of a funeral at which the society acts as an escort of the body by changing the ribbon to expose the black without changing the society colors in the heading an ornamental effect is produced which is not contrary to present ideas of propriety.

In a contemporaneous application, filed September 19, 1891, Serial No. 406,186, I have shown and claimed an applied flag in connection with an imprinted flag-staff. By "flag" I mean an ensign bearing the colors and insignia—such as the stars and stripes commonly shown on the United States flag—of a nation or society, the flag being thus distinct from a mere ribbon or rosette. To hold the flag in proper fold or projecting wrinkle, I have provided the same with a stiffener consisting of a paper backing, which is correspondingly wrinkled. This holds the textile fabric so that the fullness of the folds or wrinkles or waves in the flag stand out from the ribbon with a gracefulness common to the flags waving in the air, in which form it is retained for a longer period than if the applied flag were devoid of such a backing.

In the drawings, *m* indicates the waved or wrinkled flag, of woven silk or other textile fabric, applied to the ribbon *a* as an emblem or insignia. *n* is the backing for the same, applied to the back of the flag by cement or glue prior to stitching the said flag to the said ribbon, and *o* is an inclined or obliquely-disposed flag-staff imprinted upon the said ribbon at one of the edges of said flag.

Again, in the said prior application I disclosed another ornament, insignia, or emblem consisting of a shield *p* of woven silk or other textile fabric and having an imprinted border and face ornament. To secure a neat and durable ornament or emblem, I cover the shield or flag with a sheet-metal frame *q*, of brass or other bright and ornamental material, which covers the edges of the applied fabric and prevents fraying, protects the surface of the same, and, being in low relief, produces an ornamental effect not common to the gilt imprint before described. The protecting-frame embodies or embraces an insignia *r*, such as the compass and square of the society of Free Masons or the initials of the said society, which said insignia is preferably cut integrally with the bordering portion of the open-work frame. The flag, showing the colors or other insignia thereon, is seen through

the open-work and helps in producing the desired effect.

I am aware that changes may be made in the construction and arrangements of parts without departing from the spirit or scope of this invention—for example, in the construction of the head-piece *e*. I may employ a variation (illustrated in Fig. 10) in which the bordering and clamping frame is shown to be integrally united to or with the backing.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The improved badge herein described, combining with the ribbon *a* a head-piece consisting of a facing having an imprint thereon, a backing having a support for the said ribbon, and a clamping-frame holding the outer edges of said facing upon said backing, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved badge herein described, combining with the ribbon *a* a head consisting of a frame, and means for supporting the said ribbon and attaching the head to the garment, and an interchangeable facing having letter or insignia imprints inseparably formed on the face of said facing, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The improved badge herein described, combining therein a ribbon *a*, and a heading having a textile fabric with inseparable imprints thereon, and a frame therefor, the said fabric being interchangeable in relation to said frame, substantially as set forth.

4. The improved badge herein described, combining therein a ribbon and a heading therefor consisting of a backing having means thereon to receive and hold the ribbon and to attach the badge to the garment, a fabric arranged on said backing, and a frame bordering said facing and provided with lips *j*, bent around the edge of said facing and backing, substantially as set forth.

5. In a badge, the heading consisting of a backing having means to hold the ribbon and to attach the badge to the garment, a textile facing arranged on said backing, and a frame clamping the bordering edges of said facing to said backing, substantially as set forth.

6. In a badge, the heading consisting of a bordering-frame having lips adapted to be bent, as described, a backing, and a facing having insignia imprinted thereon which appear through the opening in said frame, substantially as set forth.

7. In a badge, the heading consisting of a frame, a facing of textile fabric bordered by said frame, and a forwardly-convexed backing having means for attachment to the garment and to support the ribbon, said parts being arranged and combined substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

8. In a badge, the combination, with a party-colored ribbon, of a heading having a frame and facing, the latter being party-colored in correspondence with the said ribbon, substantially as set forth.

9. In a badge, the combination, with a rib-

bon having a high color or colors on one side and another different color on the opposite side, of a heading having a frame, means of attachment and support, and a facing corresponding in color with one of said ribbon-colors, substantially as set forth.

10. The combination, with a ribbon having high color on one side and black on the other, of a heading having high-colored facing corresponding with the high color of the ribbon, the said ribbon being reversible in its relation to the heading, substantially as set forth.

11. The heading pin or piece for badges, consisting of an oblong backing, a textile fabric forming a facing and having imprints thereon, and means for fastening the same to the garment.

12. In combination with a heading, a double ribbon having the looped ends sewed or united together back from the extremities and forming two looped leaves or four pages and having advertisements or imprints thereon, substantially as set forth.

13. In combination, in a badge, a ribbon, an applied flag with waves or wrinkles, and a backing for said flag correspondingly wrinkled, substantially as set forth.

14. In a badge, the combination, with the ribbon *a*, of a textile flag with irregular vertical waves or wrinkles, giving said flag the appearance or shape it assumes when waving in the air, and a backing correspondingly wrinkled and cemented to said flag to support the waves, substantially as set forth.

15. In a badge, the insignia or ornament consisting of an applied shield of textile fabric having stars and stripes or similar insignia thereon and a metallic open-work sheet-metal protecting-frame secured over the face of said shield, substantially as shown and described.

16. In a badge, the combination, with the ribbon *a*, of an applied textile flag or insignia and an overlying sheet-metal open-work pro-

tecting-frame embodying an insignia, substantially as set forth.

17. The improved society-badge herein described, combining therein a ribbon *a*, having insignia thereon, and a head-piece carrying said ribbon and consisting of a backing and a silk-ribbon facing having insignia thereon, said ribbon being separable from said backing to admit of an interchange of facings, substantially as set forth.

18. The improved society-badge herein described, combining therein a silk suspensory ribbon having imprints and insignia thereon and a head-piece from which said ribbon is suspended, having a width corresponding to that of the ribbon and consisting of a backing providing means of attachment of said head-piece to the garment of the wearer, a bordering, and a facing ribbon or fabric removably held to said backing and having its edges covered by said bordering, substantially as set forth.

19. The head-piece herein described, combining therein a backing having a pin or bar to receive the ribbon and a pin to enable the device to be secured to the garment, a rim holding a facing, and said facing made of textile fabric and having imprints or symbols thereon, substantially as set forth.

20. The head-piece herein described, combining therein a backing having a pin or other device to admit of the device being secured to the garment and an attachable rim securing the material containing the symbol or imprint, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of April, 1892.

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